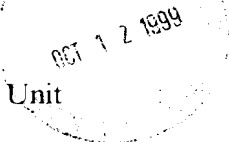


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Hon. Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This is in response to the June 7, 1999 Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application.

Applicants have filed concurrently herewith a Petition for a three-month extension of time for replying to the Office Action and have paid the required fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136(a) and 1.17(a). With the extension, the time for replying is extended up to and including October 7, 1999.